

es Forest of Service **Three Rivers Ranger District** 

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Steven F. and Laura A. Sanders

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sanders,

The pasture turnout and rotation schedule for your authorized livestock during the 2017 grazing season is as follows:

	BULLDOG ALL	OTMENT	
<b>Pasture Name</b>	Number & Kind of Livestock	Season of Use	# of Days
Lower Unit	50 Cow/Calf	June 1 – June 20	20
Middle Unit	50 Cow/Calf	June 21 – August 10	51
Upper Unit	50 Cow/Calf	August 11 – October 15	66

Livestock Identification

Brand	Location of Brand	Ear Tag Color and Side	
	Right Rib	Green Right Side	
$= \bigcirc =$	Right Hip Left Hip	Green Right Side	

Compliance with range readiness criteria, pasture use guidelines and utilization levels shall be met. The schedule above is subject to change based on range conditions present. Prior Forest Service approval must be given before any changes and/or modifications are made to this schedule.

Livestock are expected to be moved into the next pasture in the rotation, not allowed to drift on their own. Nearly all livestock are to be removed from pastures by the end of the season of use for that pasture. Failure to remove all livestock from pastures has the potential to possibly impact resource conditions. Therefore, gathering and moving livestock to the next pasture in the rotation will be a priority until all livestock have been accounted for.



# **Identification**

Cattle over 6 months of age at the time they enter Forest Service grazing allotments shall have individual ear tags, which have been furnished by the permittee.

### **Maintenance**

Maintenance of all assigned range improvements must occur annually and maintenance check sheets are to be returned before livestock use is scheduled to occur for each pasture. If extensive repair or reconstruction of a range improvement is required, the Forest Service can supply needed materials and/or assist permittees with reconstruction efforts.

#### Livestock Management

Livestock use will occur in accordance with your Forest Service Grazing Permit and specific guidance provided in Environmental Assessments for your allotments.

### **Salting**

Salt should not be placed within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of any water on the allotment. Should no suitable locations exist to place salt further than <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile from water, salting locations would be reviewed and approved, on a case by case basis, by the Forest Service. Salting is discouraged on open roads and trails, or at trailheads and developed recreational sites.

# Noxious Weeds

Prevention Standard 4 of the *Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants* EIS and Record of Decision state that only pelletized or certified weed free feed is allowed on all National Forest System Lands. Therefore, all feed products used in the administration of your grazing permit must be Certified Noxious Weed Free.

In compliance with the Colville National Forest's Environmental Management System (EMS), noxious weed monitoring and education is to occur. If you desire noxious weed identification materials or have questions/concerns related to noxious weeds on grazing allotments please inform Brandon Weinmann at (509) 738-7714.

# Wildlife Conflict

The State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW has assigned a conflict management specialist to aid ranchers, farmers and private citizens in the area with any concerns they might have regarding wolves or other wildlife. Please contact Candace Bennett at her office at 509-684-2362 x25 or her cell at 509-844-2404 for any questions, concerns, or information about wildlife conflicts either on National Forest System lands or our private property.

### **Travel Management**

The Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Title 36, Chapter II, Parts 212 and 261 – Travel Management, prohibits motor vehicle use outside designated areas and off of designated roads and trails. You, as a grazing permittee, are exempted from the general Travel Management Rule for activities associated with the administration of your term grazing permit. You are hereby authorized to use motorized vehicles to administer your grazing permit and manage your livestock. Motorized vehicles are not authorized in areas designated as Semi-Primitive, Non-Motorized (MA-11) in the 1988 Colville National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Should resource damage occur as a result of your motorized access, this authorization will be modified to reduce impacts.

# **Actual Use Reporting**

The Colville National Forest is requiring each livestock permittee to collect actual use information throughout the grazing season on allotments where they graze. This information should be recorded on the enclosed form titled *Actual Use Record*. You are required to submit the completed form to the Three Rivers Ranger District, c/o Brandon Weinmann, 255 West 11<sup>th</sup> St., Kettle Falls, WA 99141 within one month after your grazing season has ended.

### **Other Activities**

- Asses the Upper Bulldog pasture area where Stickpin Fire burned the Indian Creek drainage to look at reconstruction on Indian, Elk and Oxerine water developments.
- Contact Information for Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer: Kirsten Meyers (Office 509-738-7759 and Cell 509-680-8863).
- Contact Information for Northeast Washington Wolf/Cattle Collaborative: Jay Shepherd (Cell 208-420-7832 and Arron Scotten (Home 509-738-2999 and Cell 509-690-0493)

### **Other Discussion Topics**

- Two Travel Management use cards for administration access.
- Consult on reconstructing and removing fencing material on Lambert/Bulldog (US Creek) Fence.
- Spend day with permittee going over Boulder Grazing Complex project designs before construction occurs.
- Need to obtain new brand card.
- Only running 50 cow/calf pairs this grazing season due to additional numbers being put into nonuse for resource protection.

If you collect monitoring information for your allotment and would like to submit it to the Forest Service, please inform Forest Service range staff. Any monitoring information collected by permittees can be submitted to the Forest Service. Utilization studies for your pastures of use will be conducted periodically and usually within one week after livestock are removed. If you desire to accompany Forest Service personnel on forage utilization studies, notify Brandon Weinmann at (509) 738-7714 prior to livestock removal.

Sincerely,

JOSHUA P. WHITE District Ranger

cc: Travis Fletcher



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# Range Improvement Maintenance (Bulldog Allotment) UPPER PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	н	
Upper Bulldog Fence	T38N R35E N1/2 S.14; N1/2 S.23	Fig. 3 (220003)	5
1.0 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Bulldog/Snowcap (Trio) Fence	T38N R35E N1/2; S.14	Fig. 4 (220004)	1
0.25 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Lambert/Bulldog (Midget) Fence	T38N R35E SW1/4 S.28	Fig. 6 (220006)	
0.10 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Lambert/Bulldog (US Creek) Fence	T38N R35E SW1/4; S.28 E1/2 S.33	Fig. 7 (220007)	
1.5 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Bulldog Basin W.D.	T38N R35E NE1/4; SW1/4; S.14	#9 (220009)	27
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Elk W.D.	T38N R35E SW1/4; NE1/4; S.15	#10 (220010	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Icy W.D.	T38N R35E SE1/4; SW1/4; S.15	#11 (220011)	603 J
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Indian W.D.	T38N R35E SW1/4; SE1/4; S.9	#12 (220012)	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial

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# Range Improvement Maintenance (Bulldog Allotment) UPPER PASTURE

Oxerine W.D.	T38N R35E SW1/4; NW1/4; S.14	#14 (220014)	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial

Water Developments:

• Improvement #10 is the only operational water development in this allotment. #11 & #14 need to be reconstructed. #8, 9, 12, 13 &15 were not located when inventory and GPS'ing occurred on this allotment in 2001.

# Range Improvement Maintenance (Bulldog Allotment) MIDDLE PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION		
Bulldog Creek Fence	T38N R35E SW1/4; SW1/4; S.25	Fig. 5 (220005)	
0.10 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Milk W.D.	T38N R36E SWSW S.30	#13 (220013)	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial
Wrench W.D.	T38N R36E NWNE S.31	#15 (220015)	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial

Water Developments:

• Improvement #10 is the only operational water development in this allotment. #11 & #14 need to be reconstructed. #8, 9, 12, 13 &15 were not located when inventory and GPS'ing occurred on this allotment in 2001.

# Range Improvement Maintenance (Bulldog Allotment) LOWER PASTURE

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION		
S. Fk. Boulder Fence	T38N R36E S.10	Fig. 1 (220001)	
1.0 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Slide Creek Fence	T38N R36E SW1/4; NW1/4; S.33	Fig. 2 (220002	
0.25 Mile	Repaired	Date	Initial
Bearcub Spring W.D.	T38N R36E NE1/4; S.15	#8 (220008)	
Trough Level	Overflow	Spring Can	
Inflow	Fence	Date	Initial

Water Developments:

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